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# **CALL FOR PAPERS**

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## SENSOR AND PROPAGATION PANEL

### **SYMPOSIUM**

on

E-O PROPAGATION, SIGNATURE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE UNDER ADVERSE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS, CONSIDERING OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS

At least one session will be classified up to: NATO SECRET

to be held in

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# E-O PROPAGATION, SIGNATURE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE UNDER ADVERSE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

# (At least one session of the symposium will be classified **up to**NATO SECRET)

#### SYMPOSIUM THEME

During 'favorable' weather conditions the operational performance of the majority of the UV, visible and IR Wave weapon systems that are used by NATO forces is nominally equivalent to the performance that is achieved by most opposing forces. However, the most important factor in weapon system design is very often not the final performance of a system but the performance differential between the system and the threat. In the presence of adverse weather conditions, for example, rain, fog, snow and cloud, the performance of systems will be degraded but it may be possible, by way of an improved understanding of adverse weather conditions, that a performance differential can be achieved. It is reported that the success of Desert Storm was, in part, achieved by the differential superiority of the coalition forces.

Historically, both the threat and the location of the next conflict was "assumed", and systems were optimised accordingly. However, the concept of modem Rapid Reaction Forces troops may now be deployed in any location, including desert, arid, and polar regions. In these regions systems that were once optimised for use in temperate locations may now prove to be sub-optimal. In particular electro-optic systems that were optimised for use in specific scenarios will now not operate to their full capability.

#### Topics to be considered:

- Theoretical and practical aspects of atmospheric propagation under adverse conditions
- Out-of-area operations, variations in weather conditions and propagation phenomena
- System optimisation techniques for out-of-area applications
- Modelling techniques
- Measurement programmes, including existing collaborations
- Applications of dual use technologies for adverse conditions (military-commercial)

#### Importance to NATO:

Rapid Reaction Forces may be deployed, at short notice, in diverse locations. The performance of electro-optical systems is dependent upon prevailing meteorological conditions, therefore electro-optic systems that were optimised for a specific type of weather conditions may now be sub-optimal when operating in other conditions. Many of the issues related to out-of-area operations in 'desert' type locations have been detailed in NATO DRG a/c (Panel 4/TR/l 9(Hot And Dusty Environment Survey (HADES)).

The ability to maintain weapon system performance during adverse weather conditions is essential. A small improvement in performance may yield a significant advantage under such conditions. It is of considerable importance to NATO that the full impact of out-of-area operations on electro-optic system performance is addressed.

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This meeting, supported by the Sensor and Propagation Panel, will be held in Italy in March, 1998.

It is expected that about 40 papers will be presented. Each author will normally have 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions and discussions. Equipment will be available for projection of 35 mm slides, viewgraph transparencies and video cassettes. Investigation on further facilities will be done during a technical previsit to the meeting site.

The audience will include Members of the Sensor and Propagation Panel and about 100 invited experts from the NATO Nations. Attendance at AGARD Meetings is by invitation only from AGARD National Delegates and from Panel Members.

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Papers may be written and presented either in English or French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between these two languages at all sessions.

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